



FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ

Meeting of the Partnership Commission of the U.S. – Adriatic Charter Skopje, June 18th 2013

1. We, the member countries of the U.S.-Adriatic Charter, have gathered in Skopje, the Republic of Macedonia, on 18 June 2013, at the meeting of the U.S.-Adriatic Charter Partnership Commission, to reaffirm our joint commitment to the Euro-Atlantic integration of the region, and on this occasion, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Partnership Charter signing, as well as the first Partnership Commission meeting.
2. We welcome Ambassador Philip Reeker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs at the U.S Department of State, who joined us at the meeting of the Partnership Commission of the U.S.-Adriatic Charter. His presence is proof of U.S. support for further promotion of cooperation aimed at strengthening the peace, stability and prosperity of the region. We express our gratitude to the United States for the significant support to our activities within the U.S.-Adriatic Charter.
3. We recognize the progress our countries have made in consolidating democracy, enhancing stability, fostering sustainable development and respecting the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms. The progress we have seen during the last ten years in South East Europe is verification of the importance of the Euro-Atlantic integration process. We recognize the individual achievements of Macedonia, Montenegro, and Bosnia and Herzegovina within the Euro-Atlantic integration process and note that each aspirant country will be judged individually on its progress toward full membership in Euro-Atlantic bodies.
4. We reaffirm our support and commitment to regional and global security, in particular to the NATO-led operation in Afghanistan. We expressed satisfaction with the results of our cooperation within ISAF, as well as discussed plans to further enhance this cooperation through concrete and practical projects in Afghanistan beyond 2014.
5. We underline the important roles that Albania, Croatia and the United States play as they continue to support Macedonia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina's aspirations to become NATO member countries. Albania, Croatia, and the United States have reinforced the Alliance's strong commitment to the Open Door Policy and welcomed all further aspirants' progress toward full NATO membership.

6. We commend Macedonia's steady contribution to NATO-led operations. This dedication in achieving necessary Euro-Atlantic standards and compatibility clearly demonstrates that Macedonian NATO membership is well founded. We reaffirm our support for the full membership of Macedonia in NATO as soon as possible.
7. Montenegro's successful implementation of its second Annual National Program within the MAP cycle and the presentation and implementation of its Third Annual National Program (ANP) testify to the country's considerable progress towards Euro-Atlantic integration. We praise Montenegro's contribution to regional cooperation and to the NATO-led Mission in Afghanistan.
8. We welcome the continuing aspirations of Bosnia and Herzegovina to become a member of the Alliance. We praise Bosnia and Herzegovina's participation in the NATO-led Mission in Afghanistan. We encourage Bosnia and Herzegovina to register state ownership of defense property to meet the outstanding requirement to submit its first Annual National Program under the MAP cycle, in order to move ahead towards membership in NATO.
9. We look forward to the forthcoming membership of Croatia in the EU, which is a common goal of all A5 members
10. We welcome and support the EU-sponsored Agreement on the normalization of relations between Belgrade and Pristina, as an important step forward for regional peace and security. We look forward to the speedy and full implementation of this Agreement, which will substantially contribute to creating a new momentum for the Euro-Atlantic integration of the region, a common shared vision for our countries.
11. We reaffirm that the door of the U.S.-Adriatic Charter remains open for all states of South East Europe willing to fully join the Charter. In this context, we welcome the participation of Belgrade's and Pristina's representatives in this meeting.
12. In order to promote greater continuity and reduce the potential for duplication resulting from frequent leadership transitions, we agree to extend the mandate of the Chairmanship from six months to one year. The new, extended mandate will start with Albania's chairmanship on the 1st of January 2014.
13. We express our gratitude to the chairmanship of the Republic of Macedonia during the first half of 2013 and welcome the next chairmanship of Montenegro.

Skopje, June 18, 2013